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### **DETAILED ACTION**

This is the second office action for U.S. Application 10/542,346 for a Holder for Heat Exchanger filed on July 14, 2005.

### ***Election/Restrictions***

Newly submitted claim 11 is directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Applicant is attempting to claims a holder and heat exchanger in combination when previously only the subcombination of a holder was claimed.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claim 11 is withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,126,122 to Ismert. Ismert discloses a holder that can attach parts to a pipe wherein the holder is a clip connection of two plastic clamping elements (5 and 25) that

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can be latched to one another to hold the pipe between them. The clamping elements have pressing faces (facing each other) that can be pressed against the end faces and a clamping element has latching arms in the form of sprung tongues (12, 13) that are received in holding pockets (32) of the other clamping element. The holding pockets have ramps (see fig. 3 at the bottom of 41) for introducing the tongues and latching faces (42) for locking the latching projections. The pressing faces have protruding, pointed holding elements (On 25, at the bottom, outside portion of the pressing face where the base and conduit contact portion meet, and on 5, at the top, outside portion of the pressing face where the base and conduit contact portion meet) Claims 1-7 contain limitations to the heat exchanger, but heat exchanger is not positively recited in the claims, and therefore the limitations carry no patentable significance.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 8, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,601,262 to Wright. Wright discloses a holder that can attach parts to a pipe. The holder is a clip connection with two clamping elements (102 and 104) that can be latched to one another with a pipe between them. At least one of the clamping elements has an attachment means embodied as a holding pin (106). Wright does not

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disclose the material the holder is made with, but the specific material is a matter of design preference that would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the present invention.

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed August 1, 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the Ismert and Wright fail to disclose a pressing faces which can be pressed against end faces of a heat exchanger. However, the Examiner disagrees as the pressing faces could be pressed against end faces depending on the size, shape and configuration of the heat exchanger.

### ***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of as

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven Marsh whose telephone number is (571) 272-6819. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00AM to 4:30 PM. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-3600. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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